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Summary of Safety and Effectiveness for the Taras Threaded Fixation Pin

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Device Trade Name:	Taras Threaded Fixation Pin
Common Name:	Threaded Pin
Classification Name:	Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener per 21 CFR § 888.3040

Identification of a Legally Marketed Predicate Device

The Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pin is substantially equivalent to Threaded Steinmann Pin that is legally marketed and distributed by Zimmer.

Device Description

The Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pins are threaded stainless steel Steinmann pins used for the repair of wrist fractures. The device incorporates a break-off shank. The device is optionally supplied with removal tools that permit pin extraction.

Intended Use

The Union Surgical, LLC Threaded Fixation Pins are intended for the repair of distal radius fractures, proximal ulna fractures, and comminuted wrist fractures without intraarticular fracture gapping.

Summary of Technological Characteristics

An 12-point comparison of technological characteristics of the Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pin and the Zimmer Threaded Steinmann Pin was performed. The devices were found to be substantially equivalent.

Summary of Performance Data

The Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pins comply with the following standards, practices, and guidances:

- ASTM F366 – 82 (Reapproved 2000), Standard Specification for Fixation Pins and Wires

- ASTM F138 – 97, Standard Specification for Wrought 18 Chromium–14 Nickel–2.5 Molybdenum Stainless Steel Bar and Wire for Surgical Implants (UNS S31673)
- ASTM F899 – 95, Standard Specification for Stainless Steel Billet, Bar and Wire for Surgical

The Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pin is substantially equivalent to Threaded Steinmann Pin that is legally marketed and distributed by Zimmer. This has been demonstrated through a 12-point technological comparison of features and a 3-parameter comparison of mechanical performance.

The Implantable and tissue contact materials used to fabricate the Taras Threaded Fixation Pin and Instruments have a long history of safe usage in medical devices. Since the Union Surgical, LLC Taras Threaded Fixation Pins meet the requirements of the stated standards and embody technological characteristics essentially identical to the predicate device, we believe the device is safe and effective and performs as well as, or better than, the predicate device. The Taras Threaded Fixation Pin will be manufactured per specifications using good manufacturing practices that ensure the device is safe and effective for its intended use.

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Re: K032532
Trade/Device Name: Taras Threaded Fixation Pin
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3040
Regulation Name: Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: JDW
Dated: July 29, 2003
Received: August 18, 2003

Dear Mr. Weisenborn:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html

Sincerely yours,

for Mark N. Melkerson

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Enclosure

Indications for Use

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Division Sign-Off)
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Prescription Use X OR Over-The-Counter Use
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

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